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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 35 and 36 without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicants reserve the right to file one or more continuation or divisional applications directed to the canceled subject matter. Please add new claim 38 and 39. Entry of said amendments is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-37 (Canceled)

Claim 38 (new) An isolated bacteriocin having SEQ ID NO 1.

Claim 39. (new) An isolated *Lactobacillus salivarius* deposited with United States

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